

# **Music Ministry Report** **Community United Methodist Church**

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## **Music Schedule**

Upcoming Guest Musicians: May 17 – Sharon Chang, violin; June 21 Jonita Lattimore, soprano. Volunteers also continue to present music in the services: Amy Hollander and Toby Elliott worked with the choir and Mary Elliott continues to volunteer generously. The complete 2015 schedule was provided in the February report.

## **Maundy Thursday**

This service was very well received featuring tenor Henry Pleas and readers from the congregation coordinated by Pastor Grace to present *The Life of Christ* by Roland Hayes.

## **Good Friday**

Hosted at Wesley UMC, the combined choirs of CUMC, Wesley and the First Congregational UCC presented Faure's *Requiem*.

## **Easter**

The Grant Street Quartet offered selections by Mozart and Bach. The Community Singers and quartet presented Randall Thompson's *Alleluia*. The congregation was invited to sing Handel's Hallelujah Chorus as the postlude – a spectacular sound and experience.

## **Carillon Bells**

Kyle Markwell is doing a great job with the bell ensemble. A Repair Kit and other parts have been ordered to address some minor problems with worn or broken parts on the hand bells. The repairs will be made by Kyle and other members.

## **Community Singers**

Opera singer Jonita Lattimore presented a workshop for vocalists. The event was open to all of CUMC's ensembles. The workshop was very well received and provided a lot of information and exercises for all. The Community Singers will continue through June 14<sup>th</sup> - a remarkably dedicated group.

## **Choir Loft**

The second phase of reorganizing the choir loft is complete. Wood & fabric chairs that were already in the church have replaced the folding chairs. Metal baskets were ordered and attached to the side of the chairs to hold hymnals so they will no longer be placed on the floor.

## **Choir Robes**

A process is being set up with volunteers from the choir to wash the choir robes and repair broken zippers over the summer.

## **Piano Donation**

Clyde Uebele will be donating a Chickering grand piano to the church. The piano will need some keyboard restoration but is overall a great instrument. The plan is to place this grand piano in the parlor, move the current parlor Kawai upright to the Open Circle room and dispose of the very old upright currently in Open Circle which is beyond repair.

## **Organ**

In April, The Finance Committee approved the funding to re-leather the Bourdon Chest in the organ Swell Chamber. I negotiated with the Organ repair company to include two other specific repairs (the 32' stop sub-woofer and chimes) as part of the regular tuning and maintenance budget for this year. Baring any new developments, this brings the organ maintenance up to date.

## **Mozart's Sister – Sunday Musicale**

The Senior Outreach program is sponsoring award winning actress Megan Wells to present a program on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Megan and I had presented this program on the Arlington Heights Library Concert Series in January. Information will be posted shortly.

## **Administration**

Work on the Choir Library and Music Office continues.

Volunteers will be coordinated for the July Sunday in the Park services in addition to the guest musicians scheduled.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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